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## DOUBTLESS

You are interested in the  
entertaining series of Nov-  
ellettes which we are pub-  
lishing. Upon the com-  
pletion of the one which  
appears in this issue, we  
shall start another one of  
equal interest and power.  
The next one will be en-  
titled:

THE POSTMISTRESS OF  
LAUREL RUN,  
By Bret Harte.

A Mass Meeting.  
The Railroad Men's Christian Asso-  
ciation will hold a mass meeting in the  
Trinity Tabernacle Sunday, February  
21, from 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. During the  
first hour the meeting will be led by a  
railroad man, and the second by Miss  
Sherman, the railroad evangelist. All  
railroad men, and the public generally,  
are invited to attend.

## WHO WILL BE JUDGE

If the Circuit Court Bill Passes  
the Senate?

J. A. Dupuy returned yesterday  
morning from Richmond, whither he  
has been in the interest of the new  
circuit court.

Mr. Dupuy is very confident that the  
bill will pass the senate, and says the  
only matter which will now agitate the  
interested parties and the legislature is  
the election of the judge for the circuit.

The entire Roanoke bar is enthusias-  
tic over the measure, and feels that the  
great amount of business which has  
borne down so heavily on the Hustings  
Court will be relieved, to the satisfac-  
tion of everyone interested.

Col. Penn, who went to Richmond  
with J. A. Dupuy in the interest of the  
court, and who returned Thursday  
morning, informed a TIMES reporter yes-  
terday morning that there were only  
three senators who opposed the bill.  
The leader seemed to be Senator Mush-  
bach, of Alexandria.

The bill, which provides for the  
formation of the circuit, also designates  
the sittings of the court. The begin-  
ning of the terms in this city will be  
January 15, April 15, July 15 and October  
15. This will not conflict with the Hust-  
ings Court, as with the relief afforded  
by the circuit court, it will hardly be  
necessary for the former to sit as much  
as two weeks on the beginning of the  
terms which fall with these months.

This arrangement will give the circuit  
court two weeks of each of the months  
named and the Hustings Court the same.  
The bill provides that the place of  
sitting shall be in the courthouse of the  
city of Roanoke and the courthouse of  
Bedford county.

There are a number of prominent  
lawyers spoken of as candidates for the  
judgeship, but from the opinion of the  
majority of the members of the Roanoke  
bar, the matter has resolved itself into  
a contest between Roanoke city and  
Bedford county, and this contest will  
be fought out in the legislature.

J. A. Dupuy seems to be the most  
prominent figure for Roanoke, and  
Martin Burks for Bedford.

Both gentlemen are well known  
lawyers. J. A. Dupuy is a member  
of the law firm of Scott & Dupuy, and  
has, since the measure was advocated,  
been one of the leaders in bringing the  
bill before the legislature.

He is strongly backed by the Roanoke bar.  
It has not been stated whether M. C.  
Thomas, Roanoke's delegate in the  
legislature, will support him or not.

J. Allen Watts has also been men-  
tioned, but thus far Mr. Watts has made  
no effort to place himself before the  
legislature as a candidate should the  
bill pass.

Judge Robertson, when asked yes-  
terday if he would allow his name to be  
used in connection with the circuit  
court judgeship, said that he would  
like very much to be judge of a circuit  
court, as it would relieve him of the  
disagreeable duty of hearing criminal  
cases, but there was a question of salary  
which he was bound to consider. He  
further added that he did not care  
holding the position that he did, to be-  
come a candidate or to enter a contest  
for the position.

## THE MULE ON TOP.

He Backs a Grocery Wagon Over An Em-  
bankment, But Escapes Injury.

A wholesale delivery wagon belong-  
ing to the Roanoke Grocery and Milling  
Company and drawn by an ill-natured  
mule, backed over an embankment  
fifteen feet high in front of the freight  
depot yesterday evening.

A negro named Hunter was the driver.  
Suddenly on the hillside the mule re-  
fused to budge. He was lamed with  
the whip, and then he came back with  
a rush. The driver saved himself by  
jumping, but the wagon, mule and gro-  
ceries all went down together, with the  
mule on top, as usual. Every one who  
gathered around thought the animal  
was dead, but cutting away a few straps  
he bounced up, none the worse,  
physically, for his fall. The wagon was  
badly wrecked, but the damage to the  
groceries will not exceed \$30.

## KING MINING COMPANY.

A Charter Granted to This Organization  
in the Hustings Court Yesterday.

A charter has been granted in the  
Hustings Court incorporating the King  
Mining Company, the purposes of  
which are mining coal, iron ore, marble  
and other mineral substances, both for  
use and sale; to erect, lease or operate  
furnaces, mills and manufactories, and  
to hold and dispose of all kinds of real  
or personal properties in Virginia or  
elsewhere.

The capital stock of the company is to  
be \$50,000, with power to increase to  
\$600,000, and the principal offices are to  
be in Roanoke.

Following are the officers and direc-  
tors: Henry King, president and gen-  
eral manager; William Stewart Tod, of  
New York, secretary and treasurer;  
Henry King, Roanoke; J. C. Parrish,  
Tuxedo, N. Y.; J. Kennedy Tod, New  
York; and W. S. Tod, New York, directors.

## A SUCCESSFUL VISIT.

The Virginia Asphalt and Paving Com-  
pany Soon to Rebuild.

H. Webster Crowl, president of the  
Virginia Asphalt and Paving Company,  
has returned from Baltimore, where he  
has been for several days in the interest  
of his company.

Mr. Crowl succeeded admirably in the  
work which he went to accomplish, and  
will be ready in a short time to give  
details as to the rebuilding of this  
valuable industry, which was burned  
down a few weeks ago before it had  
been put into operation. Mr. Crowl  
says he is now ready to bring up the  
Roanoke end of the business, and is  
sure he will succeed.

HAVE you seen the lovely Lester  
piano? If not, you should at once. It  
has a beautiful case, with pure and rich  
tone and easy touch. It is wherever  
sold a general favorite and warranted  
five years. Call at Hobbie Music Com-  
pany's, 157 Salem avenue, and examine  
this piano.

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time.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

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## ANGLING FOR THE OCTOPUS

The Bait Is a Piece of White Cloth Tied  
on a Hook.

"It is no trick to catch them. They  
are pulled out with hook and line from  
the deep waters of the sound, just like  
fish, and are found on the rocky  
bottoms of the fishing banks," said a  
Seattle fisherman to a Press-Times re-  
porter.

"Look at this," continued Nick, rais-  
ing the slimy mass of legs and pointing  
to a perfect counterpart of a parrot's  
black beak. "That's its mouth. Just  
like a parrot's, only much larger and  
more powerful. When once those jaws  
fasten on the bait they never let go  
until landed on the deck of the boat."

"No; they seldom give us much  
trouble. That is part of a Greek fisher-  
man's early education. Experience has  
taught the men how to handle them  
safely. The only care necessary is to  
prevent their fastening their suckers  
on the sides and bottom of the boat.  
If, by accident or carelessness, they  
should succeed in doing so the octopus  
is safe, for the suction of those cuplike  
disks is so great that nothing but the  
knife can dislodge them, and, as they  
can't be reached, they get away."

"The men know by the weight on the  
line and its action when an octopus is  
hooked. Then, by means of poles,  
the line is kept away from the boat,  
and, watching a favorable opportunity,  
with the assistance of boat hooks the  
fellow is suddenly yanked on board  
and left to thrash its life away on  
deck. Of course the men have learned  
to keep carefully out of reach of its  
tentacles."

"On a clear day and in clear weather  
one can see an octopus at great depths.  
Their bodies usually lie hidden under  
shelving rocks, leaving only one or  
more of those long feelers visible, mov-  
ing cautiously back and forth. By  
baiting a hook with a white rag and  
dropping it close by, it is fun to watch  
their movements. They pretend not to  
see the bait, believing it is a living  
prey."

"They will advance their feelers  
inch by inch, and gradually their body,  
and retreat again, as if to draw on the  
intended victim. Playing the bait back  
and forth excites their curiosity, and  
when satisfied of the result the beast  
makes a spring for the bait that, for  
lightning-like rapidity, beats anything  
on record. Of course it fastens its  
razor-like, double-back-action beak into  
the rag and holds on like grim death,  
allowing itself to be pulled out of the  
water rather than let go."

## EVENING COLORS.

The Beautiful Ceremony of Hauling Down  
the Ensign of the Navy.

A few minutes before sundown a  
bugle-call sounded from the flag-ship,  
and the call was immediately repeated  
by the buglers of the other ships of the  
squadron, writes W. J. Henderson in  
St. Nicholas.

"What is that?" I asked.  
"That's 'Stand by the colors,'" said  
one of the officers.

Two sailors came aft, east off the en-  
sign halyards, and stood by with their  
eyes on the flag-ship. In a few mo-  
ments we heard bugles sounding again;  
for you must know that on board ship  
many of the commands are conveyed  
by a few musical notes upon the bugle.

A marine came aft, and, saluting, said:  
"Haul down, sir?"

"All right," said the officer of the  
deck. "Stand off."

At that order the bugler of the Yantic  
blew the lovely call: "Evening Colors."

The moment he sounded the first  
note, the officers rose from their chairs,  
faced the colors, took off their caps,  
and stood silent, in respectful attitudes,  
while the two seamen slowly hauled  
down the colors, bringing them in over  
the rail as the call came to an end.  
When the colors reached the deck and  
were gathered in by the seamen, and  
the last note of the bugle died away,  
the officers put on their caps, resumed  
their seats, and went on with their con-  
versation.

Removing the cap in honor of the  
colors is the common form of salute in  
the navy. When an officer comes up  
from below he always lifts his cap in  
the direction of the quarter-deck; and  
all boys should remember, when visiting  
a man-of-war, that the proper thing to  
do when you go on board is to turn  
toward the stern of the ship, where the  
ensign always flies at the taffrail staff,  
and raise the hat. If the officer of the  
deck sees you, he will return the salute;  
but whether anyone is on the quarter-  
deck or not, always raise your hat when  
you go aboard. The salute is to the  
flag, not to any person, and surely  
every American boy ought to be prompt  
to lift his hat to the flag of his country.

The old-time father and mother were  
a sparkling team.—Dallas News.

## There Are Pins and Pins.

"Why, Edwin," exclaimed the tear-  
ful bride. "You certainly told me be-  
fore we were married that you would  
gladly give me all the pin money I  
wanted."

"Yes," said Edwin, gloomily. "I know  
I did, but I didn't suppose you meant  
diamond pins."—Somerville Journal.

## Trying to Wiggle Out.

"My dear, you know you promised  
me an emerald bracelet when I became  
thirty; so don't forget it, for to-morrow  
will be my birthday."

"Is that so, dear? Why—yes—of  
course—but wouldn't you rather have  
diamonds at forty?"—Brooklyn Life.

The following quotations of Roanoke  
and Southwest Virginia stocks are fur-  
nished by Von Hemert & Co., bond and  
stock brokers, Roanoke, Va.

## BANK AND TRUST COMPANIES.

Par Value	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
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Buena Vista L. & T. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Commercial Nat. Bank	100	100	100	100	100
Farmers' N. Bank, Salem	100	100	100	100	100
Fidelity Loan and Trust	100	100	100	100	100
First Nat. Bank, Roanoke	100	100	100	100	100
First Nat. Bank, B. Vista	100	100	100	100	100
First N. Bank, Roanoke	100	100	100	100	100
Radford Trust Company	100	100	100	100	100
Roanoke Savings Bank	100	100	100	100	100
Roanoke Trust, Loan &	100	100	100	100	100
Safe Deposit Co.	100	100	100	100	100
State Savings Bank, Ro	100	100	100	100	100
Traders' L. & T. Co.	100	100	100	100	100

## LAND, IMPROVEMENT AND INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Basic City M. & L. Co	100	100	100	100	100
Bedford City L. & I. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Buena Vista Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Chamoun Land Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Central Inv. Co., Roanoke	100	100	100	100	100
Central L. Co., Buchanan	100	100	100	100	100
Cleveland L. & Imp. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Cloverdale L. & I. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Colonial L. Co., N. Rk.	100	100	100	100	100
Craig City Imp. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Creston Land Co., Salem	100	100	100	100	100
Crowe L. & I. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Crystal Spring Land Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Front Royal & Riverton	100	100	100	100	100
Glen Falls Land Co., Ro.	100	100	100	100	100
Glenmore L. Co., Salem	100	100	100	100	100
Goshen Land & Imp. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Graham Land & Imp. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Groffes Co., Shenandoah	100	100	100	100	100
Hockman L. Co., Salem	100	100	100	100	100
Home B'd'g & Con. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Hyde Park Land Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Iron-Belt B'd'g & Loan	100	100	100	100	100
Iron-Belt Association	100	100	100	100	100
Iron-Belt Land & Imp. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Janette L. Co., Roanoke	100	100	100	100	100
Kenova Association	100	100	100	100	100
Lake Spring Land Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Lake Spring L. Co. (com.)	100	100	100	100	100
Landedville Imp. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Linwood L. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Max Meadows L. & I. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Melrose L. Co., Roanoke	100	100	100	100	100
Mountain View L. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
National Inv. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
New Castle L. Co., Roanoke	100	100	100	100	100
New Landsdowne L. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Norfolk Company (pdf)	100	100	100	100	100
Norfolk Co. (pdf, incl.)	100	100	100	100	100
Norton Land L. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Outer View L. Co., Bed-	100	100	100	100	100
ford City	100	100	100	100	100
Pleasant Valley L. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Pulaski L. & I. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Radford Devel. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Radford L. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Radford W. B'd'g L. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Rivermont Co., Lynch.	100	100	100	100	100
Riverside L. Co., Kenova	100	100	100	100	100
Riverdale L. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Roanoke Bldg Ass'n &	100	100	100	100	100
Roanoke Bldg. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Roanoke Devel. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Roanoke L. & Imp. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Salem Bldg. & Inv. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Salem Devel. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Salem Improvement Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Shenandoah L. & I. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Shenandoah L. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
South Salem L. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Steelton Land Co., Salem	100	100	100	100	100
Steelton Land Co. (com.)	100	100	100	100	100
Suitland Land & Imp. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Traders' Inv. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Vinton L. & I. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
Virginia City Ass.	100	100	100	100	100
Virginia Devel. Co., p. c.	100	100	100	100	100
Virginia Devel. Co. (com.)	100	100	100	100	100
Virginia Fin. Co., Roanoke	100	100	100	100	100
Virginia Inv. Ass. p. c.	100	100	100	100	100
ct. pref.; inc. eq. amt.	100	100	100	100	100
Virginia Inv. Co., Ball.	100	100	100	100	100
Virginia L. Co., p. c. pdf	100	100	100	100	100
inc. eq. amt. com.	100	100	100	100	100
Wall Street Inv. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
W. L. Graham L. & I. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
W. Lynchburg L. & I. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
W. Radford L. & I. Co.	100	100	100	100	100
W. Salem L. Co. (Class C)	100	100	100	100	100

## MINING AND IRON COMPANIES.

Fronton Association.....	100	55	70	
Fronton Lake & Imp. Co.....	10	20	20	
Fronton Lake & Imp. Co.....	100	40	40	
Keova Association.....	100	100		
Lake Spring Land Co., Salem (pdf.).....	10	100		
Lake Spring L. Co. (rom.).....	10	20	25	
Landsdowne Imp.....				
Roanoke.....	100	25		25 30
Linwood L. Co.....	100	37	50	
Max Meadows L. & I. Co.....	100			
Midvale L. Co., Pulaski.....	100	100	1355	292
Mountain View L. Co., Roanoke.....	100	100		
National Inv't Co.....	100	100	125 1/2	12 1/2
New Landdowne L. Co.....	100	100	75	
New Landdowne L. Co.....	100	100	75	
Norfolk Company (pdf)	100	52	40	
Norfolk Company (pdf)	100	80	80	
Norfolk Co. (pt. inf.).....	100	60	60	